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Felon Sentenced to Prison for Motorcycle Pursuit in El Monte

A 50-year-old man was sentenced today to four years in state prison for leading police on a pursuit and having a physical altercation with an officer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, George Vaitoelau Olotoa of El Monte pleaded no contest to two felony counts in case KA112972: fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly, and resisting an executive officer.

The defendant also admitted he was previously convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and robbery in 1985.

On July 2, 2016, Olotoa was riding a motorcycle when an El Monte police officer attempted to pull him over for a vehicle code violation. A pursuit then ensued, prosecutors said.

At one point, the pursuit stopped and Olotoa and the officer engaged in a scuffle before the defendant mounted his vehicle again and continued to flee from police, according to prosecutors.

Olotoa collided with the raised curb on the onramp leading to the 60 Freeway, which ejected him and the motorcycle slid across the freeway hitting another car. Law enforcement subsequently arrested the defendant and took him into custody, prosecutors added.

The case was investigated by the El Monte Police Department.

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